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Applicants are submitting copies of references 9-12. References 1-8 are not being submitted herewith, as copies of U.S. patents are no longer required per the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003. Reference 9 has been cited in the specification.

References 9-12 was cited in an International Search Report dated January 14, 2003. Applicants are submitting copies of references 9-12, together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of references 9-12 has been described in the Search Report.

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